

# DA Update FEB 2017

Good Morning Current & Previous DA Players:

We have a new email address [devonairesoftball@gmail.com](mailto:devonairesoftball@gmail.com) -- This will make email much more streamlined and get it off my personal email.

I am sending you this message because we had our leadership meeting on Monday evening. At that meeting, we discussed and approved a few items we held over from the end of last season. I want to thank everyone who attended we had all Divisions represented. I also want to thank our sponsor Luigi's for providing a great deal on some yummy food for our meeting as well.

## **NEW DIVISION INTERMEDIATE GIRLS- 2017 Pilot Season**

Due to the amount of girls who did not play Seniors when they "graduated" Jr Girls at 13, we felt another option needed to take the place of the Seniors League which we couldn't fill up the last two years. The new **Intermediate Girls Division** would have some aspects of the old Senior League (farther mound and bases), but would only be for girls ages 11-15 (June 1 age). If a girl is 11 parents and player can decide if they would like to play Junior Girls (Ages 7-11) or Intermediate. Our goal is to have 4 teams for each Division, and I think we can do that if we all spread the word and get back in touch with our graduated Jr Girls players.

This league serves that purpose of being recreational and instructional for those who don't necessary want an ultra competitive fast pitch league, or even something they can do just for fun with their friends because the cost is so reasonable.

## **UMPIRES- Pilot for 2017 Season**

Another item that was discussed was the use of umpires for both Jr Girls and Intermediate Girls. We've seen that it's been a burden on some coaching staffs to get coaches who want to ump, and the responses from spectators to the volunteer umps/coaches are less than positive at times. So the result we get people telling us "I'll coach as long as I don't have to ump"

So the decision was approved at Monday's meeting to move ahead with trying out umpires for this season. However, we are doing the economically efficient way. So we are looking to hire high school aged kids who are trained umps, who will learn our rules and will ump our games this season. If you know some high school aged kids who want to make some spending money, send them my way. If you also know anyone who would like to volunteer as an ump (just would need to be somewhat regular) please let me know.

## **Registration-**

We will be finalizing the flyer coming up in the next week to send out to LPS for distribution. We could use some help spreading the word of DA Softball this Spring. We will be hard copy distributing to LPS K-8 students, we will feature the following changes to enhance registration:

- \* a mail-in option (via a PO Box)
- \* a PayPal option,
- \* Two evenings of walk up registrations (3/2 & 3/7) at the DA Community Church.

More to come on that and they will all be on the flyer.

Feel free to openly share the flyer when it comes out (Facebook pages in neighborhoods, churches, businesses, etc;) I will have a QR Code on it so that people can just take a picture of the flyer (or access the QR Code) hanging up somewhere and be able to get it.

### **FRANKLIN SOFTBALL CLINIC-**

It's coming up on

**FEB 18 at Franklin High School.**

We have Devonaire Alumni like Jordan Berger and Tara Trujillo who have sent this to me, so feel free to mention their names when you register....

There are 2 camps;

***Hitting and Fielding- 11am-1pm Cost \$20***

***Pitching Camp 1pm-2pm \$15***

***BOTH CAMPS \$30***

If you have any questions you can email the Franklin Varsity Coach Brittany Grys at [brittanygrys15@gmail.com](mailto:brittanygrys15@gmail.com)

Registration is preferred but Walk Ins are welcome.

Even though Devonaire is a slowpitch softball league and High School ball is fastpitch, there still would be great benefits to going out on a Saturday in February and shaking the rust off and attending this clinic if you can.

Once I have the PO Box for Mail In registrations you will all receive an updated registration flyer. But this one is going out to all of you know so you can start to spread the word.

Thanks

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REMIND- Text @devon to 81010 for text blast reminders.

PS Remember I will be sending a revised flyer as soon as I get a PO Box number finalized.